

REMARKSAmendment to the Specification

The specification has been amended to indicate the current status of the applications to which the present application claims priority. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of previous rejections and the indication of allowable subject matter.

Cross Reference to Related Applications

In the Office Action, the Examiner required that the "Cross-Reference to Related Application" section of the specification be amended to include the current status of the priority applications. Applicants herewith have amended the specification as required.

Judicially-Created Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 47 and 49-54 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 26-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,384,032¹. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, thus overcoming the rejection.

¹ In one instance, the Office Action refers to U.S. Patent No. 6,384,034. Applicants understand the correct reference to be to U.S. Patent No. 6,384,032.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 50586-61254CON.

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